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Attn: Venus Eagle,

Product Manager Team 1

Registration Division, Insecticide-Rodenticide

Subject: Fast Track Label Amendment – response to Bradbury Letter

- Merit 2F Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 432-1312)

September 26, 2013

Dear Ms. Eagle

Bayer CropScience P. O. Box 12014 2 TW Alexander Drive Research Triangle Park NC 27709

This application for a Fast Track Label Amendment for Merit 2F Insecticide (Reg. Tel: 919 549-2000 No. 432-1312) is being submitted in response to the Agency letter (Bradbury to Registrants of Nitroguanidine Neonicotinoid Products) dated August 15, 2013.

Listed below are the agreed upon changes made to the label from prior consultation with you.

- 1. Per Bradbury letter: (a) added Pollinator Protection Box; (b) added pollinator protection language under "Directions for Use"; and (c) replaced "visiting" with "foraging".
- To clarify which use patterns are impacted by the pollinator protection language, format changes were made such as (a) addition of clarifying Headers; (b) two separate Directions for use boxes for turfgrass use in residential, commercial, and industrial areas and for use on sod farms; (c) use on interiorscape was placed in a separate box.
- 3. As you had requested, we also corrected inadvertent errors/omissions on this label such as (a) use on pome fruits number of applications was corrected and (b) missing PHI on pecans was added.
- 4. In an effort to improve clarity and ease of use of the label the following changes were made (a) Restrictions previously listed towards the end of the label and other appropriate pollinator restrictions were placed under specific use patters as applicable; (b) for non-agricultural use patterns the Header "Crop" was replaced with "Site"; (c) "Flowers and Groundcovers" was replaced with "Ground Treatment Pre-Planting" and corresponding directions that are not applicable were deleted; (d) added statements detailing where product are to be used; (e) added referral statements to the pollinator protection language under "Directions for Use".

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The following documents are enclosed in support of this application:

- 1. Completed EPA Form 8570-1
- 2. Electronic copy of the amended product label plus a copy with tracked revisions.

It should be noted that this label was previously sent to you for approval via e-mail earlier today.

Please do not hesitate to call (919-549-2428) or e-mail me (norma.pangilinan@bayer.com), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Registrations Manager

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Name NORMA C. PANGILINAN			Title Manager, Registrations			Telephone No. (Include Area Code) 919-549-2428	
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Norma C. Pangilinan, Ph.D.

both under applicable law.

5. Date
September 26, 2013

I certify that the statements I have made on this form and all attachments thereto are true, accurate and complete. I acknowledge that any knowlingly false or misleading statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment or

Manager, Registrations

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